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PATENT APPLICATION

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| In re application of: Dushyant ) Sharma, et al. ) Application No: 09/543,938 ) | GROUP 36   |
| Filed: 04/06/2000 ) Attorney Docket No. 6582 )                                 | For: ELECTRONIC BILL PRESENTMENT AND PAYMENT SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES |
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In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 28, 2003, and the Advisory Opinion mailed May 21,2003, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the present Amendment C are being filed. Following entry of Amendment C, reconsideration of the claims as amended is respectfully requested.

<u>AMENDMENT C</u>

The filing fee for the RCE under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(e) is \$750.00. Thus, the total due for the RCE is \$750.00.

Applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time of two months in responding to the Office Action dated February 28, 2003, on the above-identified application. The extension extends the time to respond from May 28, 2003, to July 28, 2003, and this petition, together with the RCE and this Amendment C and the requisite fees, are being filed concurrently with a certificate of mailing on or before the latter date. This request for an extension of time would allow the RCE and the Amendment C to be submitted five months after the date of the Office Action.

Accordingly, the appropriate fee for extension of time is that stated in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1) for a large entity, which is a \$410.00 extension fee for response within the two month.

The total thus due for the RCE and this Amendment C is \$1160.00, and a check for the \$1160.00 for the RCE filing fee and the extension fee is enclosed herewith. The Patent and Trademark Office is also authorized to charge any additional fee(s) required to secure entry of this Amendment C, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-0882.